## André's Carriage Tours

## **HB 4254**

The carriage is a full scale replica of horse carriages used in the 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, converted to operate electrically, 100% emission free. The conversions are done in Kimbal, Michigan, just outside of Port Huron. They are equipped with 10" hydraulic brakes, head, tail and brake lights, undercarriage LED lights and stereo system. The carriage conversion has been engineered and tested extensively over the past 2.5 years. An inspection by the Detroit Police Mounted Division found the carriage to be "safe" to operate on the streets of Detroit.

It is a great way to show off the assets and history of cities in Michigan as the passengers get a close up look at a very leisurely pace.

The carriage was licensed and operated for 2011 and 2012 in Ocean Springs, MS.

Why state wide approval?

- . Increase traffic for community's downtown's merchants, greater exposure, sales and increases local tax revenue.
- . Is not competition for existing taxi services, as this is a touring business?
- . Uses very little natural resources for operation with no emissions.
- . All conversions are done in Michigan.
- . An excellent eye catcher for local charity, dignitary and civic functions.
- . A great tool for Children's hospital and hospice patients' fun rides to help with their spirits and healing.
- . The carriage would be a unique image asset for communities.
- . Zero maintenance concerns/enforcement for communities because there are no horse issues.

Positive comments for the carriage use have been made by:

Detroit Chamber of Commerce
Mayor, Ocean Springs, MS
Detroit Port Authority
Detroit Economic Development Corporation
Ren Cen, Marriott
Courtyard by Marriott/ Downtown Detroit
The general population of every community the carriage has visited.

Please support HB 4254. Thank you

Sincerely,
David Lee Ducharme.

**Proprietor** 





